

ABSTRACT

In a color reproducing system an image to be reproduced is analyzed to identify which color toner cartridges are required to print the image. Based on the identification, the color reproducing system selectively enables only those toner cartridges which are required to reproduce the image. In a host-based system the identification can be performed by a computer which provides the identification to a reproducing apparatus. In a controller-based system the identification is performed by a controller in the reproducing apparatus.